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urge the body to go ahead and adopt the amendment and protect the taxpayers from giving away money that isn't really deserved. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Higgins was closing on her amendment to LB 270. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2142 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 19 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The amendment f is. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Morehead would move to amend the bill. (Morehead amendment appears on page 2143 of the Journal.)

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Madam President and colleagues, what my amendment would do is make the qualifying period for this legislation effective January 1 of this year. The credits would not be applicable to the sales and use tax until January 1, 1989, which complies with what is now proposed in the legislation. But it is my understanding that there possibly could be some businesses that would qualify if this was January 1 of this year, however, those very same businesses, if that date is not included at that time, will maybe hold off and not expand until they qualify for these credits. It would seem to me to be counterproductive to put in a mechanism that would discourage those businesses from moving ahead at this time when we could so easily, at this time, include a January 1 operative date for a qualification period. As I said, and I've indicated, you would not be drawing against the sales and use tax after you had earned an income tax credit, if you had any excess remaining, until the January 1, 1989, as is proposed in this legislation. I feel, therefore, that it would not hamper the Department of Revenue when it comes to combining the sales and use tax and the income tax records, which I understand is going to be a mammoth job for them. So, with that in mind, I would ask that you would adopt this particular amendment which would make the qualifying period start effective January 1 of this year.